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SAMY VELLU TO OPEN MIC YOUTH AND WANITA CONFERENCE

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KUALA LUMPUR, July 9 (Bernama) -- MIC president Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu will jointly open the party's Youth and Wanita delegates' conference at Dewan Tun Hussein Onn, Putra World Trade Centre here, on Sunday.

Some 1,000 delegates, 500 each from the two wings are expected to attend the one-day conference, which would focus on various issues besetting the Indian community and their preparations for the upcoming general election.

Both wings of the MIC will only have their elections next year.

One of the resolutions to be adopted separately by the two wings would be to express support for the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and for him to lead the country into the new millennium.

MIC national Youth secretary, Datuk Nelson Renganathan told Bernama that the youth wing was expected to table five resolutions, among others urging the government to introduce the respective religious education for non-Muslims in schools to combat the increasing number of social problems.

Another resolution calls for the speeding up of housing schemes for estate workers and to create special funds for Indian businessmen.

Nelson said, one of the highlights of the MIC Youth conference for this year would be a speech by the Barisan Nasional and UMNO acting Youth chief Datuk Hishamuddin Tun Hussein, at the morning session.

MIC national Wanita secretary Senator Jaya Partiban said the Wanita wing was expected to pass six resolutions.

One urges the party to amend its constitution to allow more participation of women at all levels of politics in the party and another wants estate clinics to be under the purview of the Health Ministry.

Women make up about 40 per cent of the total MIC membership of 450,000. There are eight MIC women local government councillors, one senator and one Member of Parliament.

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